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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Initially, please note that the present application is a national stage application of PCT/JP05/03466, filed March 2, 2005. The Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-103761, filed March 31, 2004, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

The Applicants kindly request that the Examiner formally acknowledge the claim for priority, as discussed during our telephone discussion of February 4, 2009.

Applicants also request that the Information Disclosure Statements and PTO-1449 forms filed with the Patent Office on September 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007 be completely considered and the Examiner return a completely initialed copy of the PTO-1440 forms which were filed as part of the Information Disclosure Statements filed September 12, 2006 and January

16, 2007. A copy of the above-mentioned PTO-1449 forms filed on September 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007 are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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